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--The invention concerns a ring filter made of star-shaped folded filtering material according to the preamble of patent claim 11.--

On page 1, please delete the fourth paragraph, and replace with the following:

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--This problem is solved by the implementation of a ring filter according to the preamble according to the characterizing features of patent claim 11.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1 to 10, and insert new claims 11 to 19 attached hereto. ✓

IN THE ABSTRACT:

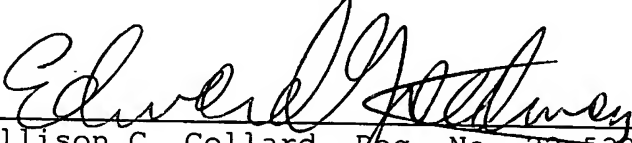
✓ Please add an Abstract of the Disclosure on its own separate page attached hereto.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1. Claims 1 to 10 have been deleted and new claims 11 to 19 have been inserted. In the Specification, reference to the claims has been amended. An Abstract of the Disclosure on its own separate page has been added. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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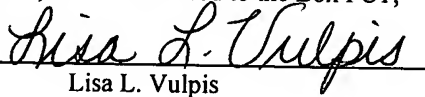
  
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Enclosure: 1. New claims 11 to 19  
2. Abstract of the Disclosure

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